Yamuna Action plan

1376. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a ten-year clean up operation was launched in 1993 for cleaning the Yamuna river;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the progress made so far for controlling the level of pollution in the river;

(d) what is the present level of pollution;

(e) the reasons for tardy progress in this direction; and

(f) steps proposed to be taken to achieve the targets of the Yamuna Action Plan (Phase-I) to clean the river which has been virtually reduced to a big sewage drain?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) to (f) Yamuna Action Plan-I (YAP-I) was launched in 1993 for cleaning of river Yamuna in the three States of Delhi, UP and Haryana covering 15 towns with JBIC funding. The project has been completed in February, 2003. The total expenditure incurred on the project is Rs. 668 crore : Haryana - Rs. 218 crore, UP - Rs. 270 crore and Delhi - Rs. 180, crore. The main works covered under YAP Phase-I are interception and diversion of sewage, construction of sewage treatment plants, community toilet complexes (low cost sanitation) and crematoria. A treatment capacity of 734 million litre per day (mid) has been created of which 401 mid is in UP, 303 mid in Haryana and 30 mid in Delhi.

The main reasons of pollution of river due to Delhi stretch are as follows:

- Shortfall of about 950 mild sewage treatment capacity,
- Siltation and settlement of about 91 km. of trunk sewers,

- Lack of dilution capacity in the river downstream of Wazirabad barrage, .
- Discharge of waste water from unsewered areas and slums, situated on the banks of the river and major drains, directly into the river.

In addition to various other measures being undertaken by State Governments, Yamuna Action Plan-ll (YAP-II) has been approved at a cost of Rs. 624 crore for implementation in the three States of UP, Haryana and Delhi with JBIC funding. The main components to be implemented under the project are:

Delhi	—	STP (135 mid capacity new and 324 mid capacity rehabilitation)
	—	Rehabilitation/replacement of trunk seweres (30.82 kms.)
UP	—	STP (38 mid capacity new)
	—	Sewer lines (73 kms.)
	—	Rising Main (12.7 kms.)
Haryana	—	Sewer lines (73 kms.) and improvements in efficiencies of existing STPs.

Poaching of whales and sharks

†1377. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the poaching of whales and sharks is going on unobstructed as the necessary notifications have not been issued by Government; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check the poaching of the said animals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) and (b) No. Sir. All cetacean species, including whales are included

†Origmal notice of the question was received in Hindi.